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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7421

BILL NUMBER: HB 1303

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 21, 2015

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Registry of Certified Professions.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. McMillin

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: *State Certification-* This bill establishes a procedure for individuals to apply to the Professional Licensing Agency to allow qualified individuals to become state certified and be placed on the electronic registry of professions.

Prohibition & Penalty- The bill prohibits an individual who is not state certified from using the title "state certified".

Effective Date: July 1, 2015.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *State Certification-* The Professional Licensing Agency would have an increase in administrative workload to process applications from persons seeking to become state certifying entities. The PLA would be required to adopt rules in order to administer the program. The Jobs Creation Committee would also meet to take testimony and evaluate submitted applications. The Committee would make recommendations to the PLA's Executive Director. Execution of these provisions would be considered to be within the normal business function of the PLA.

Although the Committee currently reviews and evaluates each regulated occupation and professional board as its primary mission, the Committee meets in a regular fashion so that the addition of application reviews would likely not increase the number of meetings annually. If additional meetings of the Committee were required, state expenditures would increase to reimburse the members' travel and official Committee duty expenditures. However, any increase in expenditures for additional meetings would likely be minimal.

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) currently is required by statute to provide staff and

administrative support to the Committee.

Database Registry- The electronic professions registry currently is the repository for approximately 470,000 licensees and certificate holders. Adding several more professions would result in little if any cost increase to the current contract to maintain the registry by the Indiana Office of Technology for the PLA.

Explanation of State Revenues: *State Certification-* Persons applying for inclusion in the registry would have to pay a fee determined by the PLA. Renewal fees would also be required to be adopted. A registrant's certification would be valid for two years. Current law requires fees to be set at the breakeven point of the ongoing administrative costs of license administration of the regulated profession. The revenue generated would depend on the number of professions admitted to the registry and the PLA's fee determination. Fee revenue would be deposited into the state General Fund.

Prohibition & Penalty- The maximum judgment for a Class B infraction is \$1,000, which would be deposited in the state General Fund. However, any additional revenue is likely to be small.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues: *Prohibition & Penalty-* If additional court actions are filed and a judgment is entered, local governments would receive revenue from court fees. However, any additional revenue is likely to be small.

State Agencies Affected: Professional Licensing Agency, Office of Management and Budget, Jobs Creation Committee.

Local Agencies Affected: Trial courts, local law enforcement agencies, county prosecutors.

Information Sources: Nick Goodwin, Communications Director, Professional Licensing Agency; www.in.gov/PLA/3144.htm.

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